



40ft dining car crushed into 6ft wreckage by impact

Irish train disaster on fail-safe system

From Richard Ford, Kildare



The telescoped dining car in which seven passengers died in the crash at Cherryville

An investigation into the train crash in the Irish Republic on Sunday night in which seven people were killed began last night. Ten passengers were seriously hurt and another 40 are being treated in hospital. The investigators will have to find whether the accident was caused by human error or the breakdown of a supposedly fail safe centralized signalling system, and a back-up procedure intended to prevent accidents of this kind. The accident, involving a train from Galway to Dublin and a stationary train from Tralee, co Kerry, occurred on a piece of track where the special automatic warning system, similar to that run by British Rail, has operated for six years. The inquiry will want to discover how it was unable to prevent the collision between two trains, each crowded with 500 passengers. The system is controlled from a central unit at Dublin's Connolly station, which monitors train movements on that section of track. The inquiry will also want to discover if reports that the train from Tralee had run out of diesel fuel are true and whether the guard on the train had had time to place the first of three warning detonators behind the carriages before the crash occurred. The train from co Kerry had been affected by mechanical failure early in its journey but had managed to reach Mallow, co Cork, where its engine was changed. It was running 20 minutes late by the time it reached Cherryville. If the fail-safe system had been working properly Mr Peter Brady, driver of the Galway train, should have stopped at a red signal at Monasterevin. The inquiry will want to know why the driver did not stop if the signal was indeed operating properly. In the republic if a driver passes through a red signal there is no alarm bell which rings in his cabin resulting in the brakes being automatically applied, as occurs on British Rail. Usually in the republic the driver of a train approaching a section blocked by another train first comes across an amber signal which authorizes him to proceed very slowly to the next signal. If the section is still blocked, he will find a red signal and is forbidden to go any further but instead should leave his train, use special telephones at every signal on the line to contact the central unit and discover the cause of the problem. Even if there is vandalism or a fault in the system the signals are supposed to automatically turn red and cannot be changed until the system has been repaired. Initial investigation of the collision have indicated to crash investigators that vandalism did not play a part in the tragedy, but it is too early to say whether the crash was due to the system failing or human error. A spokesman for CIE, the republic's state-run transport company said: "The system works and has worked perfectly if it is respected and used properly." As dawn broke yesterday the full horror of the crash was revealed with the dining car in which most of the seven dead had been travelling concentrated from 40 feet to six feet by the impact of the collision. The force of the impact shunted the first-class carriage at the rear of the stationary Tralee train over the top of the dining car. The compartment, made of wooden body in the early 1950s, was wrenched from its steel frame as wood splinters flew. Continued on back page, col 7

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£250m EEC plan to streamline coal

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The EEC has proposed that at least £250m be allocated in its next budget to modernize the European coal industry and to reduce the massive coal stocks lying in Common Market pits and power stations. News of the grant, proposed by the Common Market Executive Commission, comes on the eve of Mr Ian MacGregor's chairmanship of the National Coal Board and adds to speculation that 65,000 jobs are at risk in the British coal industry. Mr MacGregor is expected to quickly implement the recommendations made by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to close high-cost pits and to concentrate on the new, low-cost developments such as the Selby coalfield. The Selby field is broadly similar to those in the United States with which Mr MacGregor has direct experience through his connections with AMAX, the mineral and mining group. It is pits like this which Mr MacGregor believes could lead to a viable future for the industry. Mr MacGregor takes over as NCB chairman on September 1 and is already studying plans which might reverse the industry's declining profitability and market share which have led to suggestions that a 10 per cent in capacity is needed. The EEC has proposed that the industry should be able to take command of the French ground forces which informed sources said numbered about 1,200 men and eight combat aircraft. He will bring with him about 80 special air commandos to guard the aircraft. Forces on alert, page 4

Defence cuts 'have left Navy weak'

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The Royal Navy has been so badly cut back that it no longer has the balance needed for general maritime operations, it is claimed today. The damage done by the 1981 review of defence spending was so great that "even with the recatations forced on the Government" by the Falklands conflict, the fleet shows severe defects in many kinds of operation. Because of the Navy's weakness, only two major ports could be kept open in the face of a sustained enemy campaign by an enemy country. Present policies might mean that the UK could not meet its commitments to the North Atlantic alliance. These claims are made by the editor of Jane's Fighting Ships in the forward to the latest edition of the definitive study of world navies, published today. Captain John Moore, in a wide-ranging attack on the policies imposed on the Navy in recent years says that the 1981 Defence Review conducted by Sir John Nott showed "a lamentable failure to appreciate the role of seapower in affairs of state". He accused the Government of "the emasculatation of the Royal Navy's ships and support". Among the specific points made by Captain Moore in the forward to the 1983-84 edition are: (1) The effectiveness of the nuclear-powered submarine force may be inhibited in the future by lack of numbers and by limited refuelling capacity. (2) The design of the planned new diesel-powered submarine, the 2400 "logs" behind those of other European builders. (3) There is a lack of airborne early warning based on board ships "although ingenuity in the use of a helicopter with long-range radar may help". (4) There are insufficient "flat-decks" which can provide Harrier aircraft with effective take-off. (5) The continuance of orders for large frigates may be necessary, but is an expensive approach and may mean that the numbers needed may never be achieved. He notes that the Type 23 frigate costs £135m, and the planned new, "cheap", Type 23 will be between £110m and £120m. He adds "perhaps the adoption of new designs which could provide very nearly two ships for the price of one may one day come to pass". (6) Perhaps the largest gap in British defence lies in the same area as that of the United States, namely the capacity to deal with mines laid at sea. "It still remains unlikely that more than two major ports could be kept open during a determined mining campaign." Captain Moore elaborated on some of these criticisms to The Times. He said that the reduction in the planned number of nuclear-powered fleet submarines from 20 to 17 would probably mean that in time of war only about seven could be maintained on station for a protracted period. He did not think Britain could afford more aircraft carriers, but there were designs available for adapting basically merchant ship hulls, such as tankers and container ships, to provide platforms for Harrier aircraft. Jane's Fighting Ships, 1983-84, (Jane's Publishing Company, £55).

Victory '83 fits wings to its keel

By Barry Pickthall

Peter de Savary, the multi-millionaire heading the Victory syndicate, Britain's challenge for the America's Cup, joined the controversy surrounding the radical winged keel on Australia II by having wings fitted to his own 12-metre yesterday for the final race against the Australian yacht in the semi-final challenge series. The design of the wings is the result of tests by designer Ian Howlett at Southampton in January last year before being evaluated on Australia, the Victory trial horse bought after the last cup series. A spokesman said that the fins, which improve the lift generated by the foil and thus the angle that the yacht can sail to the wind, had made a dramatic difference to the performance of Australia. The decision now to add similar wings to Victory '83 brought an immediate response from the United States Yacht Racing Union (USYRU), warning that the yacht may not now be a legal 12-metre. An hour earlier measurer Mark Vinbury, the American member of the three-man international measurement committee, had been called to the Victory dock to give a confidential ruling on the modifications. Before leaving, he agreed that the fixed fins, which have no effect on the yacht's displacement, were indeed legal. However, shortly afterwards Peter de Savary received a letter from the American measurer saying that he was of the opinion that these wings "mark a peculiarity" and felt obliged to inform the USYRU. Report, page 17

Moscow grain deal may herald thaw

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr John Block, the US Agriculture Secretary, arrives in Moscow tomorrow amid growing signs that the Andropov leadership is seeking ways of taking some of the chill out of its relationship with Washington. Mr Block is to sign a new Soviet-American grain agreement on Thursday and leaves on Friday. Although this allows little time for substantial talks, diplomatic sources said Mr Block's visit would be more than ceremonial. He is the most senior Reagan Administration official to hold talks here since Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, briefly met Mr Andropov at the Brezhnev funeral last November. The AFL-CIO trade union organization and nine Democratic senators using both occasions to make clear that the current frosty atmosphere between Russia and America was the fault of the Reagan Administration. Mr Andropov also used his meeting with the senators to launch a Soviet proposal banning anti-satellite weapons. Diplomats said an easing of Soviet-American tensions would principally depend on progress in arms control talks, but that the grain agreement was a significant step forward. Under the agreement, reached last month after three tough bargaining sessions in Moscow and Vienna, the Soviet Union is committed to buying nine million tonnes of American grain annually. At a press conference yesterday, Senator Edward Zorinsky of Nebraska said he had been told by Soviet trade officials that Moscow was wary of further commitments because of the 1979 grain embargo, imposed by President Carter after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. "I said yesterday that the Reagan Administration's decision to lift its ban on the export of pipelaying equipment to Russia showed that Western sanctions and trade embargoes had been a 'shameful failure'." Diplomats said an Andropov-Reagan summit remained "a remote possibility" in view of the current chill. Pravda complained on Sunday that the American authorities had acted with "utter lawlessness" and "impudent provocation" in trying to persuade the son of a Soviet diplomat in the United States to defect.



Mr Block: More than a simple ceremonial visit to Moscow

Chad 'will ask France to fight'

Ndjamena (Reuters) - The Chad Government said yesterday it would ask French troops to fight in a counter-offensive against Libyan-backed rebels controlling the north of the country. "When the day comes that we are ready to stage a counter-attack on Faya-Largeau, we will ask France to join us", the Information Minister, Mr Mahatma Soumaila, told reporters. Brigadier General Jean Poli was due here later in the day to take command of the French ground forces which informed sources said numbered about 1,200 men and eight combat aircraft. He will bring with him about 80 special air commandos to guard the aircraft. Forces on alert, page 4

Health service told to cut more jobs

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

Health authorities were told yesterday that they were not doing enough to reduce staff in the health service. In a circular issued by the Department of Health and Social Security, they were instructed not to fill any vacancies unless they could produce a clear case for keeping the job. The department denied yesterday that the new instruction amounted to a freeze on health service jobs, but said it reflected ministers' hopes that new manpower targets could be achieved, mainly through natural wastage. The circular sets out officially for the first time the new cash limits for this year after the spending cuts announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in July, and the proportion by which health authorities are expected to reduce staff by the end of the financial year. The circular did not confirm whether the new cash limits will be confined to the present year, or whether they will recur next year. Nor did it throw any light on how far meeting the manpower targets would be allowed to offset the cash cuts. It said the first obligation on authorities was to comply with the cash limits. "To that end, they should review all their expenditure. There must be a renewed drive, with the help of all health service professions, to achieve economies and to reduce costs, particularly in the case of essential expenditure on goods and services, and there needs to be better control of NHS manpower." Progress on manpower targets had fallen short of what was desired and expected, the circular said. Ministers believed that manpower in the health service needed to be controlled as a matter of urgency. Within the overall targets of reductions of between 0.75 per cent and 1 per cent, posts for staff other than doctors, dentists, nurses and midwives, and professional and technical workers, were expected to fall by between 1.35 and 1.8 per cent. Continued on back page, col 4

Goldsmith sued by Der Spiegel

By John Witherow

Sir James Goldsmith is facing a High Court action for alleged libel from a West German magazine for comments he made two and a half years ago. Sir James claimed Der Spiegel had conducted a campaign against the Prime Minister of Bavaria, Herr Franz Josef Strauss, which was orchestrated by the KGB, the Soviet secret police. The allegation was made before the Conservative Party media committee and published in Sir James's now defunct Now magazine. "We have not done this before in England", a spokesman for Der Spiegel said. "But the publisher, Herr Rudolf Angstein, and the staff, who own half the magazine, felt extremely strongly about it. We have not been orchestrated by anybody, least of all the KGB."

Walesa calls off speech to Gdansk workers

Gdansk (AP) - Several hundred pro-Solidarity demonstrators held a rally outside the Gdansk shipyard yesterday, despite the last-minute cancellation by Mr Lech Walesa of a speech to the workers there, scheduled a week ago. "I cancelled everything, because I knew that if I did not, I would be in jail for at least a month from today," Mr Walesa told reporters as he left the shipyard after work. He did not attend the peaceful gathering at the worker's monument outside the shipyard, where for 30 minutes union supporters sang Solidarity songs and made the V for victory sign. A "Secret Committee" inside the shipyard has called for a work slow-down to pressure authorities into opening talks with Mr Walesa on reviving independent Labour unions in Poland.

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Sexual harassment causes physical and mental illness, TUC report says

Sexual harassment at work is causing women physical and mental illness, lost promotion, forcing them to leave their jobs, and even resulting in their dismissal, according to a TUC guide published today.

The guide, *Sexual Harassment at Work*, says that the stress caused by sexual harassment has been linked to depression and physical illness such as cystitis, headaches, digestive problems, nausea, general physical disability, and lack of resistance to infection.

It urges unions to take issue seriously and join in a campaign to combat it. Many trade unionists had not yet recognized sexual harassment as a serious problem and still regarded it as a "hiss about nothing", the guide says.

Mrs Anne Gibson, secretary of the TUC's women's advisory committee, which compiled the guide as a result of a TUC's women's conference mandate, said: "This problem is much more widespread than anybody had thought".

"Individual cases include: a journalist who dreaded going in for the evening shift because of constant unwanted touching and being stopped and trapped

in the locker area; young women who had to drop out of an apprentice scheme for electricians because of the constant touching, ribbing, innuendo, and sex talk among the men; and office workers whose bosses suggest they might like to stay behind after work or spend a weekend with them."

No precise figures were available, but the harassment of women occurred across the whole spectrum of employment, in both blue and white-collar jobs, she said.

The guide includes the kind of behaviour that must not be tolerated in future: leering, ridicule, embarrassing remarks or jokes, unwelcome comments about dress or appearance, deliberate abuse, the offensive use of pin-ups, pornographic pictures, repeated unwanted physical contact, demands for sexual favours, and physical assaults on workers. Unions would not support members sexually harassing other workers.

The TUC recommends that unions should include a clause in agreements negotiated with employers that would treat sexual harassment as a form of discrimination and would set up speedy and confidential

grievance procedures for the victims of such behaviour.

Although the victims of sexual harassment are usually women, the guide emphasizes that it is also applicable to men.

The employers' organization, the CBI, said it would not comment on the proposals before seeing the guide.

The guide calls on individual male trade unionists to examine their behaviour towards female colleagues and make sure that any actions that they may regard as "near the knuckle" but "only good clean fun" do not constitute sexual harassment.

Victims are asked to keep notes of each incident and inform union representatives immediately. The harasser should be warned that legal action could be taken against him.

The guide adds: "Too often women workers are seen in terms of their family caring roles, or as sexually attractive objects, and not as workers attempting to earn their living."

Sexual Harassment at Work (Publications Dept, TUC, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS, 15p).



Sophie Birdwood (left), the victim of mistaken identity, and Miss Carolyn Herbert, who was at Balmoral.

Mix-up leaves press little to coo about

The name of Prince Andrew's latest girl friend - if, indeed he has one - remained a secret last night after a classic Fleet Street case of mistaken identity.

The prince, who is reported to have ended his friendship with Miss Kee Stark, the American actress, spent the weekend at Balmoral with Miss Sophie Birdwood, according to a pack of national

tablets, led by the *Daily Mirror*, yesterday.

That was news to Miss Birdwood, aged 19, last year's Deb of the Year and daughter of Lord Birdwood - and with good reason. At the time when she was supposed to be spending her time with the third-in-line to the throne, she was in fact on holiday.

Miss Birdwood's return to Britain yesterday somewhat puzzled to find herself in the

Sex attack hunt centres on brown German car

The hunt for three men who sexually attacked a boy aged six after abducting him from a street near his home in Brighton centred yesterday on a large brown left-hand drive car with German number plates.

A woman noticed the car, which had black numbers on a white plate, when it bounced off a kerb near the spot where the boy was abducted. She told the police that it was driven by a fair-haired front seat passenger, she is not sure whether this person was a man or a woman. In the back was a teenage boy, about 15 years old, and a little boy she recalls as having fair hair.

The descriptions tally with those of three men seen in a newsagent's shop used by the victim and his twin brother earlier on the evening of the attack.

Police are now checking on the owners of the 92 cars that took the next available Newhaven-Disport ferry a few hours after the boy was attacked. They have asked for the help of French and German police.

A brown car or a dark car is the most consistent element of all the likely sightings of the men that were thrown up in the massive police operation on Sunday night in the Brighton area when hundreds of motorists were questioned.

The police have confirmed that their inquiries have been hampered by difficulties communicating with the boy, who has a speech impediment.

WPC Terry Micklam, who has been trained to deal with child abuse cases and who is befriending the boy, said: "His state of shock is decreasing now. He is quite a happy little boy, but there are times when he is unhappy and thinks about what happened. He does talk a bit more about what has happened."

Police are also looking for a man seen talking to the boy earlier in the evening of the attack. He is described as between 50 or 60, of slim build, 5ft 9in tall, with grey hair. He was wearing an open neck shirt and check trousers.

Young prefer building societies

A survey has revealed that more than half of all teenagers over 16 have building society accounts, even though most are non-taxpayers.

Tax on building society interest is deducted at source and is not reclaimable by non-taxpayers - yet 34 per cent of all children invest in a building society and in the 16 to 19 age group the proportion is 52 per cent.

Nearly 20 per cent of all building society investors are under 25, though they account for only 4 per cent of investments held in society funds.

Boys have significantly less access to junior investors. Only 10 per cent of the under-fives hold a bank account. The figure is 17 per cent for children aged 10 to 15.

National Savings Bank, probably the most suitable investment for a child, does little better. Only 13 per cent of under-fives have an account,

the figure rising to 21 per cent at ages 10 to 15.

The survey was conducted by the British Market Research Bureau on behalf of the Building Societies' Association. It also reveals wide regional differences in saving patterns - 75 per cent of adults in the South-East hold building society investment accounts, while only half the adults in Scotland save with a society.

Overall 57 per cent of adults have a building society account but only 32 per cent save with high street banks - though six out of 10 adults run a bank current account.

Savers in the South-East appear to be more sophisticated and make most use of financial institutions generally. Nearly 20 per cent of all adults in this area also have National Savings Bank accounts of some sort, but the figure is less than 7 per cent in the North.

Wales, which has one of the

lowest proportions of building society investors, has the highest incidence of saving with the National Savings Bank - 22 per cent of all adults.

House prices are rising at an annual rate of between 10 and 12 per cent but there is unlikely to be a big price boom, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors says in its latest survey published today (Baron Phillips writes).

During the three months to the end of July half the estate agents taking part in the survey report rises of between 1 and 5 per cent. But the institution says there are marked regional variations. Many agents say there have been no price increases. In the Midlands, agents report that prices have levelled off following rises earlier this year.

Demand is still running high among first-time buyers for pre-1919 terrace houses.

Tube killing charge men remanded

Three men from north London accused of murdering Mr Peter Clarke, security guard, at Beilsze Park Underground station on Friday were remanded in police custody until Thursday by Highgate magistrates yesterday.

They were: James Browne, aged 22, a street trader, of Herbert Street, Kentish Town, Terence Ellis, aged 45, a taxi driver, of Ewart Grove, Wood Green, and James Killick, aged 18, a delivery man, of Beaumont Walk, Hampstead.

Det Insp William Griffiths, of the Flying Squad, told the court that the defendants were interviewed further.

Mr Clarke, aged 52, who was married with two children, lived in Matlock Road, Ilford, Essex. He worked for PPR Security, which is based in Ilford.

More families falling into debt, survey says

Increasing number of people are falling into debt, with more than 100,000 inquiries a year involving debt being referred to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

"It is no longer just the poor who cannot manage - widespread redundancy has created a new class of debtor, the white-collar or skilled worker used to a relatively high standard of living," Ms Camilla Dinkel says in the latest edition of the National Consumer Council's magazine.

"The single most likely cause of debt, according to research by the West Midlands Money Advice Project is sudden loss of income through redundancy, bereavement, or divorce."

Families with children are most likely to get into debt, the research reveals, with the elderly who have learnt over the years to live on a very low income and single childless people least at risk.

"There is hardly a national chain store that does not offer instant credit of up to £100 or more. Credit cards are easy to come by and it is possible by getting several cards to obtain a very considerable amount of credit."

A report soon to be published by the council calls for a number of reforms including changes in the laws that deal with debt recovery.

Marathon field up to 20,000

The number of runners in the London Marathon will be increased from 19,000 to 20,000 next year. Disabled competitors, about whose status there was a dispute with the Greater London Council this year, will start 15 minutes early to prevent bottlenecks.

A computerized system will process applications to avoid queues outside post offices. The race will be on May 13.



Couple killed

Mr Michael Matthews, aged 25, and his wife Sandra, aged 24, from Wembley, north London, who were married on Saturday, died yesterday after being involved in a collision with a lorry near Dover at the start of their honeymoon.



Child sex charge

A man aged 35 from Guildford, Surrey, who was charged with having unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl aged seven, was remanded in custody for eight days by Guildford magistrates yesterday.

£160,000 raid

Jewelry valued at more than £160,000, including a £100,000 gold and diamond necklace, was stolen from the home of an Arab in Old Windsor, Berkshire, on Saturday night, it was disclosed yesterday.

PC accused

Police Constable Philip Mappin, aged 21, was remanded on bail by Teesside magistrates yesterday accused of indecently assaulting two girls aged 12 and 15 and a woman in Middlesbrough.

White asbestos risk report challenged

A report being considered today by the Health and Safety Commission seriously underestimates the risk of cancer for those exposed to white asbestos, the type still in general use in Britain, it was claimed yesterday.

The report, written by members of the medical Research Council (MRC), include Professor Donald Acheson, shortly to become chief medical officer at the Department of Health and Social Security, calls for a formal ban on new blue and brown asbestos products and the replacement of white asbestos by substitutes.

Its authors said there was an attempt by the Health and Safety Executive, the enforcement arm of the commission, to suppress it when it was published last month.

The MRC report, however, finds little evidence of a link between white asbestos and mesothelioma, a cancer that causes an estimated 400 deaths each year. That finding was challenged yesterday by the Society for the Prevention of Asbestos and Industrial Diseases, (Spaid).

According to Spaid which has analysed the research data considered by the MRC, the report bases its conclusions on a sample of only 171 mesothelioma deaths, out of a total of 3,957 cited in official figures for the 1968-81 period.

Spaid also says that the

Extradition granted for accused Germans

An extradition order against two Germans accused of terrorist offences was granted yesterday at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London. It is subject to confirmation by the Home Secretary.

Walter Kexel, aged 22, a farmhand, and Ulrich Tillman, aged 21, a journalist, were said by the prosecution to have belonged to a neo-Nazi group with Soviet sympathies which was responsible for planting bombs under American servicemen's cars in Germany.

The pair were accused jointly of two armed robberies, three attempted murders, two explosions, conspiracy to cause explosion, and one charge of causing actual bodily harm. Kexel faces three separate charges of armed robbery.

The order was granted on all charges by Mr David Hopkins, the magistrate.

Mr Alan Jones, prosecuting, said Kexel was the leader of the group, which allegedly netted more than £100,000 in armed robberies.

Mr Jones said that four members of the group were arrested in Germany last February and Kexel and Tillman fled to Britain.

Kidney disease children still extremely ill

In the condition of two children suffering from the kidney disease haemolytic uraemic syndrome in a Birmingham hospital was still causing concern yesterday (Arthur Osman writes from Birmingham).

One, a boy aged eight, has been in a coma for nine days. There are three other children still detained but making progress. Eighteen others in the West Midlands have suffered the disease during the past five weeks.

Two people in the West Midlands have died from it, a woman aged 59 and a girl aged two, as well as a girl aged nine in Nottingham.

TV-am's Roland Rat gnaws at BBC ratings

The antics of the puppet character Roland Rat are continuing to narrow the audience gap between its creators TV-am and the rival BBC *Breakfast Time* programme.

"This may be the first time in history that a rat has come to the aid of a sinking ship", a *Breakfast Time* spokesman said yesterday. In fact, TV-am's fortunes, far from sinking, seem to be on the rise, after the station's disastrous early days.

Last week's audience figures show TV-am reaching audiences of more than one million during the week before 9am for the first time since it came on air. The downward programming instigated since the palace revolution which ousted Peter Jay, Anna Ford, and Angela Rippon has brought in growing numbers of child viewers during the summer holidays, many of them hooked on Roland Rat.

According to a report from the advertising agency Davidson Pearce, housewives have followed their children to the set. The agency estimates that two thirds of TV-am's viewers are women.

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The burnt-out sculpture and (left) Mr Mach on his work (Photographs: John Manning (top) and Brian Harris).

Burnt sculpture may be replaced, gallery says

Mr David Mach, sculptor of the submarine that was set alight early yesterday outside the Royal Festival Hall in London, said after inspecting the damage that he hoped the model would be rebuilt (Kenneth Gosling writes).

A spokesman for the Hayward Gallery, which mounted the Sculpture Show in association with the Serpentine Gallery with Arts Council and Greater London Council finance, said it was likely that a decision about rebuilding would be taken today.

Mr Mach said he had been shocked to hear of the 1708-long Polaris submarine model's being vandalized, "especially since during the building of the sculpture I had considerable public support".

The condition of a man who suffered severe burns in the fire was said last night to have "deteriorated slightly".

Mr James Gore-Graham, aged 37, a designer, of Collet Gardens, Hammersmith, London, was taken to St Thomas's Hospital and transferred to the burns unit of Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton. He was said to be in a critical condition, suffering 90 per cent burns.

Forensic scientists have been studying the remains of the submarine. Patrol cars are understood to have been found among the 6,000 tyres

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ROYAL NAVY OFFICER

US agent jailed in Moscow as Belgium breaks Soviet spy ring

From Richard Owen, Moscow

A Soviet citizen named Ivanov has been imprisoned for spying for the United States, Tass said yesterday, adding that the involvement of American Embassy staff in Moscow had been "incontrovertibly" proved.

Tass did not name the Americans concerned, however, which is apparently a sign that Moscow does not intend to make an issue out of the case.

It gave no details about Ivanov or his alleged espionage, beyond saying that he had acted on instructions from the CIA.

There have been two cases this year in which American diplomats have been named as spies and declared persona non grata, but neither case was given prominence by the Soviet media, which give the impression that the CIA remains endlessly resourceful and remorselessly anti-Soviet, whatever the ups and downs of Soviet-American relations.

BRUSSELS: Belgium has expelled at least six East Europeans for economic espionage and uncovered a Brussels electronics firm serving as a front for Soviet technological spying, a senior Belgian official said yesterday, (Reuters reports).

The official, who spoke on condition that he was not named, said that the discovery of the firm followed the expulsion at the weekend of one Soviet and three Romanian diplomats and an employee of the Romanian Embassy without diplomatic status. At least one Soviet employee of the firm had also been expelled.

The expulsions resulted from the arrest some 10 days ago of Eugene Michiels, a Belgian trade specialist in the Belgian Foreign Ministry who has admitted selling documents to the diplomats. Mr Michiels is being held in prison.

The role of the electronics firm was discovered by security agents working on the Michiels case, but it was not clear whether there was any connection between the two.

The electronics company was run and financed by Russians but had been set under Belgian law and employed several Belgians, the official said.

Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, said in a weekend radio interview that diplomats had been expelled after the arrest of Mr Michiels. He declined to say how many or give their countries of origin, but the State Prosecutor's office has confirmed the expulsion of five.

A Romanian Embassy spokesman denied to the Belgian press agency that any Romanians had been expelled, and said that such reports could seriously harm relations between Belgium and Romania. The Soviet Embassy declined comment.

The Belgian official said that the issues dealt with by Mr Michiels's department were of only moderate intelligence value, but there was widespread concern that he might have obtained more sensitive information from contact with other departments.

Crumbling Cairo: Part 2 Metro strangled in red tape

In the second of two articles on Cairo's problems, our correspondent ROBERT HOLLOWAY describes the difficulties faced by the city's metro project.

They are replacing the pink granite colonnades of Ramses II outside Cairo's main railway station with a replica. The original, moved from Memphis in 1955 to what may be the most congested square in Africa, is at risk from traffic fumes and vibrations.

Whoever suggested transferring it to the museum may have been anticipating a pharaonic attack of apoplexy. Ramses, the most prodigious builder of antiquity, would not have tolerated the delays plaguing Cairo's metro.

Work began 20 months ago on phase one of the project, a tunnel running for two and a half miles beneath the city centre to link two existing overland suburban lines, and incorporating them into a single, 26-mile system.

Construction is already more than a year behind schedule, not a yard of track has been laid, and the French-led consortium which won the £155m contract refused to predict when the metro, due for completion in 1986, will come into being.

It is even harder to predict what Cairo will look like when it does. More than four million people, one third of the city's population, are believed to crowd each day into communal taxis or noisy and foul-smelling buses, many of them in transit.

When they dig, the contractors have no idea what they will find. Site work included the removal of a landmark, an empty plaza which stood for years in Tahrir Square, where Anwar Sadat station will be located. No one seems to recall whose statue was originally to stand on the pedestal.

Not does anyone know how many water and gas mains or electricity cables lie beneath the streets, let alone their precise location. Some were laid during emergencies in the Second World War, others may date from the First.

Those in the know do not deny the legend that one engineer, told by an exasperated official to cut a cable which did not appear on municipal charts, found himself facing an army officer sent to investigate the blowing up of 50 secret telephone lines to military headquarters.

The metro will make it possible to transport 60,000 people an hour, about one million per day, between the suburbs.

The 17 French firms involved, headed by SOGEP, are concerned about the effect of delays on Coface, the French Government's export credits department, and big French banks, which together are financing about 70 per cent of the project.

Ramses, confronted with the bureaucracy of his descendants, might have cause to ponder upon his own boast (rendered with licence by Shelley): "Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair".

Concluded

servicing the southern industrial complex at Helwan.

Last May, the official news agency reported that Mr Salehman, Minister of Transport and Communications, had ordered the removal of all obstacles to excavation of the tunnel and five underground stations. It needed the information last month of Dr Fuad Mubeladin, the Prime Minister, to make it

Toll rises to 36 in collapsing houses

The death toll after the collapse of four houses in Cairo, and Alexandria over the weekend has risen to 36 (Reuters reports).

When three adjoining houses in Cairo collapsed on Saturday, 22 people died and 16 were injured, and 14 died and 10 were injured in Alexandria when a seven-storey building fell down. The daily *Al-Ahram* reported that three housing officials were arrested and charged with manslaughter.

possible for the contractors to block off part of Ramses Street and install mechanical diggers.

"You may not cut down a tree, or tear up a paving stone, without a permit, and you never know which junior army officer will claim that an additional signature is required", lamented an engineer. "The trouble is, the client, Egyptian National Railways, does not own the land we are working on".

When they dig, the contractors have no idea what they will



Best foot forward: Pharaoh Ramses II, who is taking refuge from the chaos of modern Cairo in a museum.

Mauritians back Prime Minister in elections

Port Louis (Reuter) - The three-party alliance of Mr Anerood Jugnauth, the Prime Minister, crushed former Finance Minister Paul Berenger's opposition Mauritian Militant Movement (MMM) in general elections yesterday.

Final results gave Mr Jugnauth's alliance 41 parliamentary seats against 21 for the MMM. Mr Berenger was beaten in his home district.

A further eight seats may be allocated later by the country's electoral commission under a complicated "best loser" system, but this cannot change the alliance's lead.

Mr Jugnauth, in a victory statement to enthusiastic supporters said: "We must work for the good of the country and of the people to preserve democracy and build our economy."

Mr Berenger, conceding defeat, said: "The struggle continues but we respect the result of the election." The election was called just 14 months after Mr Jugnauth, a London-trained lawyer, and Mr Berenger swept to power in an alliance of the MMM, of which they were then both members, with the now defunct Mauritian Socialist Party (PSM).

The alliance collapsed last March and Mr Berenger left the Cabinet with most MMM ministers. Mr Jugnauth stayed in power, supported by the PSM which since transformed itself into the Mauritian Socialist Movement (MSM).

Gromyko spells out space weapons proposals

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, took the Soviet proposal on the banning of space weapons a stage further yesterday by suggesting it should include a ban on the use of manned spacecraft for military purposes. The proposal appeared to be aimed at the American space shuttle, which Moscow claims Washington is planning to equip with space weapons.

Mr Gromyko was elaborating on an initiative put forward by President Andropov in a meeting with visiting American senators in Moscow last Thursday. Mr Andropov issued a moratorium on the launching of anti-satellite weapons into space.

Pravda published the text of a letter from Mr Gromyko to Señor Xavier Perez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, outlining a draft Soviet treaty on "the prohibition of the use of force in outer space". Mr Gromyko said Russia was seeking an urgent ban on the "testing, and deployment in outer space of any space-based weapons intended to hit targets on earth" and "complete renunciation by states of the development of new anti-satellite systems".

Under the proposed treaty states would undertake "not to destroy or damage the space objects of other states", and not to test or use manned spacecraft for military purposes "including anti-satellite aims".

Prisoners of conscience



South Korea: Lee Chul

By Caroline Moorehead

A Korean born in Japan, Lee Chul is serving a 20-year prison sentence for "anti-state" activities and "espionage". Now aged 35, he was one of 21 students accused of being a part of a "campus spy ring" after the interrogation in late 1975 of most Korean students normally resident in Japan but at that time studying in South Korea.

In April, 1976, Lee Chul was tried for spying for North Korea. The prosecution accused him of travelling to the North to receive training as a spy. After a confession the court sentenced him to death. The sentence was later commuted, first to life imprisonment and then, in 1981, to 20 years.

In 1976, at an appeal hearing, friends and relatives testified that he had been with them in Japan on the dates the prosecution maintained he was in North Korea.

Lee Chul said that he had "confessed" only after being tortured and informed that his family would suffer the same fate. (His wife, arrested with him, had been sentenced to three years in prison).

Lee Chul's appeal was rejected.

Poll win by Maldives leader likely

Malé, Maldives (Reuter) - The Maldives yesterday took the first step towards electing a new leader, with the President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom favoured to retain power.

Parliament was voting for a single candidate who must win a majority in a public referendum to be declared president for the next five years.

Under the country's constitution, Parliament's 48 members - 40 elected and eight nominated by the president - may choose anyone in or outside the house. There are no political parties in the Maldives, an Islamic nation of about 160,000 people, and campaigning for the presidency is banned.

Mr Gayoom, elected in 1978, is an Islamic scholar and ends his present term on November 11. A government statement on Sunday gave no indication of when the referendum on Parliament's choice would be held.

Political sources said they expected President Gayoom to win more than the 28 votes he gained in Parliament in 1978, when a 92 per cent referendum vote confirmed him in office.

Since taking power, President Gayoom, who is 46, has made major changes in the economy of the country's 2,000 coral islands, embarking on a programme to develop tourism.

The devout president, who was educated in Egypt, has linked the development with preserving the Maldives' Islamic ideal.

He has stated that he wants to introduce constitutional changes to bring more political freedom to a system where the president rules with near-absolute authority.

Captain gets two years

From Robert Schell, Amsterdam

A court in Arnhem has sentenced the captain of a Dutch ship, the *Emmy*, to two years imprisonment for ordering a stowaway thrown overboard in October, 1979.

The court found Captain Theodore de Boudt, aged 39, guilty of manslaughter when he ordered a Ghanaian aged about 20 to be thrown overboard into the River Bonny in Nigeria. His body was never found.

The first mate, who carried out the order with the assistance of two crewmen, was sentenced to one year imprisonment.

The two officers had been sentenced twice before, but in both cases the sentences were quashed by the Dutch Supreme Court on legal technicalities and retrials ordered.

The two men were arrested in The Netherlands after members of the ship's crew had reported the matter to the authorities.

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FASHION

Vivienne Westwood is a by-word for avant-garde London style. An anarchist and artist, she aims to turn ideas on their heads, but she is better known in Europe than back home. Guest writer Georgina Howell talks to the designer who created punk-style, dressed Adam Ant and wants to change the world



The shock of the new

Gentle, fervent, scruffy, Vivienne Westwood is the image of an English missionary with a devoted vocation - to dress the civilized world in primitive warpaint.

Turning ideas on their heads is her stock in trade. Her aim is "to make the poor look rich and the rich look poor". She is, she says, an anarchist and an artist. "It is an artist's job to wreak violence on a culture to give it new life. In taking from other civilisations I'm just doing what Picasso did when he used Negro sculpture imagery in his painting *Demotelles d'Alger*. He decided that the tradition of the human figure had finally lost its power and that he had to look to emblems of savagery to give it a future."

If Westwood thinks and talks more like a painter than a fashion designer and sees herself as doing to fashion what artists did to art in the early part of this century, the justification must be the clothes themselves. Are they revolutionary? Do they dress the body in a way different from what we traditionally expect? Do they provoke shock and scorn, followed by acceptance and respect translated into hard cash? Will they enter the vocabulary of fashion and change it forever?

It is appropriate to look at her contribution this year, her wealth in the business and her fourth in the international arena, as she has just taken a major step in the commercial game by moving her production to Italy. After a decade of *outer la fourge* in the King's Road, she opened the 1980s with the Pirates collection (as worn by Adam and the Ants) which had a tidal effect on the fashion world and sold right across the age barriers. She went from dressing a street to dressing the world in a single move. She announced: "I wish to declare myself an international and not a provincial designer", gave up showing in London and took her next collection to Paris. "You had to miss Givenchy to see Westwood" a fashion editor told me. "It was worth it." With now two shops in London and showrooms in Paris, Milan and Rome, she has been showing in Paris for three seasons, and her last collection, *Witches*, provoked £250,000 worth of orders from Italy alone.

"We've always been self-financed", said Vivienne of her partnership with Malcolm

McLaren. "Suddenly our resources were not sufficient to fulfil the kind of orders I was getting. This country takes no account of talent - the banks won't give you the kind of financial backing you need to make your business international. Italy's different. Here all my bank manager wanted to know was whether I had a house I could mortgage. There they back talent with money and give you everything you need to make a million garments instead of 200". She will also be doing consultations and franchises, but has no fear that that might thin down her own collection. "I'm over-programmed with ideas anyway".

While the Westwood/McLaren shop at 430 King's Road turned from *Let It Rock to Too Fast to Live, Too Young to Die*, to *Sex and Seditionaries* and currently to *World's End*, Westwood turned out a stream of clothes and looks unlike anything the fashion world had seen. She picked through time and space and the 'untouchable' areas of big city life to give us rubberwear, bondage trousers, 'muscle' T-shirts from gay gyms, the ripped T-shirt (do it yourself), the triple-tongued sneaker ('something steady to rock on'), the Chico hat, the Smurf hat, pirate swagger, graffiti prints in baked ink, duster shoes, bras worn over dresses, rags in braided hair, shorts with big hanging pockets... a cornucopia of images both palatable and unpalatable (the Cambridge rapist T-shirt, the court case gay cowboys print) all subversive, classless and undermining the status system of fashion which conventionally 'places' the wearer in a social hierarchy.

Her shop was where the Saturday parade down the King's Road stopped and she worked so close to the ground it was impossible to say which was the chicken, which the egg - did the styles spring from the street or the shop? Did it matter? Her clothes became a badge for the boy who left school early to live in a London squat and for the heiress determined to stand out. In the trade there was shock, there was horror, and there was an overwhelming interest. Joseph Ettedgui of the prospering Joseph shops (who stocked the Pirates collection) found himself constantly playing host to designers and buyers from America, "and all they ever wanted to do was to be taken

straight to Vivienne's shop to see what was cooking".

Vivienne Westwood owes an enormous debt to Malcolm McLaren for getting the world to listen. If she is the artist, he is the critic and salesman, manager, promoter and exploiter of her talent. "He taught me everything. When I met him I had hardly read a book and never seen a play." She is the daughter of a cotton mill worker from Tintwistle, Manchester, he the son of a cat burglar from the East End. Clean Slate meets Streetsmart. McLaren, the father of one Westwood's two sons, soon had her making him Teddy boy jackets. "Taking a drape suit or a Ted jacket apart stitch by stitch, studying the linings and interlinings, and making an exact copy was my only formal training. It's the best. Leonardo da Vinci said: 'He who can spy can create'."

Manager and inventor of the Sex Pistols, Adam and the Ants, Bow Wow Wow and Boy George of Culture Club, McLaren released his own LP, *Duck Rock*, three months ago. "For the young music is the medium", he told me. "The clothes needed the groups. Now she doesn't necessarily need the music, if her story's powerful enough. When I went into the music business no one wanted to know about the fashion connexion. Now it's the biggest plus you can have. When a pop group signs up with a recording company today there'll be a clause written into the contract that the group will have £1,000 a week to spend in clothes. The Sex Pistols got that ball rolling. As long as the group has the right look today, the music doesn't matter too much."

Although they live apart, their partnership is close. "I always thought all the ideas came from him," says Westwood today, "but I soon realised that getting the job done was the job. That's not to say he's not essential to me. He edits my work, gets all my ideas down on a board, sorts out the story, gives me an avenue of approach. He unscrambles my programming."

When she talks about her clothes, Vivienne Westwood uses words like "grand", "strong" and "free" instead of "beautiful". She cuts in the flat rather than the round, like someone doing origami, but in this she is not unique: it's a technique used by Rei Kawakubo of *Comme des Garçons*, La Maison Bleu and Kenzo.

Outside the wacky *World's End* shop (left): Ann Witchard wears orange and green cotton knit top, approx £25, and tube skirt £10. Straw mountain hat £20 and rubber sandals £20. David Bracher wears cream cotton knit shorts £10 and top £25. Double-brim hat £10. Inside the looks along the King's Road (right): Gene Krill knots his own chambray shirt over a graffiti T-shirt (£25) and hoicked-up trousers, rolled to reveal green fluorescent socks (beloved in the Teddy Boy era) and strapping pink booties. "Buffalo Boy" David Bracher works as a sales assistant in Rymans and swaps his hobo clothes for a uniform when he arrives at work. Ann Witchard in blazer-print skirt and top from this summer's "Punkature" collection.



Looking Westwood: (left) Kim Sion, public relations officer to Vivienne Westwood in brown chalk striped serge jacket £150, serge kilt with rolled "bandage" waist £120. Marble print shirt £58. Chico hat £20. From the autumn/winter collection "Witches" at World's End, 430 King's Road, SW10 and Nostalgie of Mud, St Christophers Place, W1. Urban Lifestyle: (right) Maroon sweatshirt jacket, print by New York graffiti artist Keith Haring, £84. Sweatshirt tube skirt with baked ink print £44. Linen "Koo" top with fluorescent lime green graffiti £30. Keith Haring scarf £24. Day glo plastic "fire" bracelet by Ted Muehling. Fashion assistant: Christine Pannell. Photographs by Suresh Karada.

For the last two months up to a collection, Westwood moves out of her sparsely furnished flat in Clapham and into the workshop behind Regent Street. She starts each garment from scratch, pulling cloth around her body and chopping at it from there. She uses an experienced pattern cutter, Mark Tabbard, to show her what is generally done before she works out her own approach.

"What I'm not trying to do with my clothes is to make a kind of shell that stays in place half an inch away from the body. My clothes are dynamic. They pull and they push and they slightly fall off. There's more to clothes than just comfort. Even if they're not quite comfortable and slip and

have to be readjusted now and again I don't mind, because that's some sort of display and gesture that belongs with the clothes."

A Westwood design fits in an unexpected way. When you wear her clothes you are reminded of your body all the time. It's a difficult fit for factories to get used to, which may explain why her clothes, though very well cut, are not always put together properly. Once the clothes are being produced in Italy, she says, her ambition is to hear customers say how well they are made.

McLaren sees the move to Italy as inevitable. "This island is a third world banana republic with no bananas." "It is hard to do well here," he says, "because we are a country of eccentric craftsmen and cottage indus-

tries. The British consider themselves above fashion. If you want to design interesting clothes you must make them in a bedsit and sell them from a market stall, or go and work in a backroom at Dorothea Bis. Neither are Westwood clothes likely to sell in enormous quantities in the United States because there the rich like to look rich.

"In both countries the people who buy our clothes are the dispossessed, the disillusioned, the graphic artists and the liberated mothers". The biggest orders come from Japan and Italy, which he finds appropriate. "Japan was for so long an isolated island that it has never got over its hunger for the status of ideas. Italy is the country of Fellini and the grand gesture. They like to mess around."

At the end of the year Vivienne Westwood will receive one of the fashion industry's highest accolades when, like Jean Muir and Zandra Rhodes before her, she will represent Britain in the Women's Wear-Daily Biannual Best of Five event in Tokyo, alongside such names as Calvin Klein of the US, Claude Montana of France and Gianfranco Ferré of Italy.

It seems that she has made a niche in the fashion establishment, and perhaps changed its point of view a little. Will she be able to keep one foot in the street and one in high fashion? If she is still getting her clothes talked about in five years time, she'll have achieved something unique. As anthropologist Ted Polhemus, co-author of *Fashion and Anti-Fashion* put it: "High fashion has undoubtedly gained by admitting Vivienne to their fold. Has street style lost its greatest champion?"



These hand-painted ties are for individualists. Mannequin Buzz (left) wears silk bow £12 from Crolla, 35 Dover Street, W1. Scott has a woven hat £16 from Crolla. Striped shirt by Perry Ellis, Braces, Braces, Paul Smith, Gene (front) sports silk tie £11.95, Royal Academy of Arts Gift Shop. Twill shirt £48, Chatters, South Molton Street, W1. Dummies £160 each from Metro Grand Mannequins, 1-3 Cadogan Road, SW11.



The Westwood Influence: Shalamar (left) is the latest in a long line of pop groups to create its image from the World's End label. Caught here by the camera before they released their new single "Disappearing Act", on Solar Records.

From the pirate frills to printed tribal clothes, the Westwood/McLaren team have worked within the music scene to become a major fashion force.

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LENDER OF LAST RESORT

Aid to poor countries has never been free of controversy...

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But that recognition has not prevented the American administration from announcing that its contributions to the seventh round of IDA funding...

The US administration, which is antipathetic to aid, is suspicious of IDA because that body is largely bipartisan...

IDA is very worried that the \$16,000m it believes to be the minimum necessary may prove unattainable.

Broadly speaking, the other major donor countries favour a larger IDA than that implied by the United States...

There is a strong case for sustaining IDA. Not only is it an effective organization, but it is hard to replace.

Sustaining IDA does not necessarily mean supplying the full amount its officials are asking for.

A second course is for IDA to reconsider the terms on which it

both raises and dispenses money. Under its charter, IDA is allowed to borrow commercially...

So far, however, the IDA management has been unwilling actively to explore these possibilities.

Britain, in common with other wealthy countries, suffers from budgetary constraints.

Privatization and social needs

From Mr G. C. Ingram Sir, I refer to your leader (August 17) on the privatization of nationalized industries...

I agree that the ultimate benefit to the community is what matters. However, to measure this solely in economic terms prolongs the confusion that has existed since 1948.

This letter is not intended as justification for maintaining unprofitable operations and a quiet life, or for resource misallocation.

Facts come first

From Dr Cyril S. Smith Sir, in your leader, "Facts come first" (August 9) you suggested that this council might be commissioned to conduct research to provide "models of the welfare state and its finances in the 1990s built on a variety of economic assumptions".

SSRC has helped to set up the Technical Change Centre, and is the British expert to the Centre for Health Economics at York University...

Belt-pinching

From Mr Oliver Smedley Sir, as a former director of First Garden City Limited, the company which owned the freehold and developed the town of Letchworth...

Athletic hybrid

From Mr Tim Healey Sir, I am sure I will not be the only correspondent to condemn the term "quadration" for the proposed series of athletic endurance (report, August 19). The Latin prefix goes ill with the Greek suffix.

Soviet imperial burden to be welcomed

From Mr Correlli Barnett, Sir, Your leading articles (August 18, 19, 20) on Soviet imperialism and on the British contribution to the defence of western Europe need to be read as related essays on "total strategy" and as such I find them flawed and unbalanced.

To take the question of the Soviet Union first, of course we must accept that the leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union can never rest easy while any independent centre of power or thought remains in the world to challenge their own minority domination and closed intellectual system within the Soviet Empire under the flag and the larger imperialist sphere of control in eastern Europe.

That is inherent in the origins of the party as a conspiracy for the seizing and holding of power, in the nature of the coup d'etat by which it succeeded in the first aim, and the entire process since 1917 by which it has pursued the second.

Dispute over Belize

From Dr Victor Bulmer-Thomas Sir, The old story that Churchill did not know where Guatemala was, referred to by George Walden in his recent feature on Belize (August 12), must surely be incorrect...

This, I fear, may be true in the case of George Walden. His interpretation of the Anglo-Guatemalan dispute over Belize (formerly British Honduras) involves several serious errors...

Body and mind

From Dr Andrew Millar Sir, There may be substance in the articles of Ruth West and Brian Inglis, but their arguments were substantially based on erroneous and sadly misinterpreted evidence.

Open is chief witness in the curd dismissal of treatment for arthritis. Side-effects of anti-inflammatory drugs are well recognised, but the benefits far outweigh them.

Grief-smitten

From Canon Roy McKay Sir, As a fully paid up member of the Moreover Fan Club, may I express my gratitude to Miles Kingston for his article, "Good news, there's been a disaster" (August 19). It is high time that TV news took a long, hard look at its ugly habits.

Religion and the TV ratings

From the Director General of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Sir, Your leader in today's edition (August 18) suggests that there had been no debate before the IBA took its decision to move part of Sunday religious programmes on ITV to 2pm.

The IBA was well aware of the departure from precedent when it decided to accept the ITV companies' proposal and therefore to decline the contrary advice of the Central Religious Advisory Committee.

This might have been the result of the programmes' own content, but it was also in part the result of intense competition from the BBC.

We know that our decision has troubled the churches, but the IBA cannot ignore a changing situation of intensifying competition.

At risk of repetition

From the Deputy Managing Director, BBC Radio Sir, I enjoyed reading Sir Roy Strong's light-hearted assault on Radio 4's repeat policy last Saturday (feature, August 13) and I particularly savoured his idiosyncratic extension of the term to cover both trailers and programmes that exploit our unrivalled archival resources.

By his own confession, however, Sir Roy is a passionate devotee of Radio 4 and for this I owe him a straight answer to his straight question.

Monster sponsor

From Mr K. C. Banks Sir, Your leading article this morning (August 15) on the Loch Ness monster has opened my eyes to the danger that it might be taken over, or sponsored, I believe the polite phrase is like cricket (by cigarettes) rugby football (by insurance) the Oxford and Cambridge boat race (by bookmakers) football (by miles) and other great national games and sports.

May I suggest the answer is a short Act of Parliament which would rule Nessie Crown property, the property of the Queen of Scotland?

DEATH IN MANILA

The full impact of ex-Senator Aquino's assassination while leaving a plane in Manila under armed guard must await the investigation promised by the government.

Even allowing for this violence, the known circumstances are incredible enough.

On the face of it President Marcos will be the stronger from the death of a formidable political rival.

successful as he hoped in uniting the opposition to the President. In that case his martyrdom may not unite or invigorate the opposition either.

Public feeling may be so much jolted and shamed by what has happened that, whatever the explanation proffered, a shift away from President Marcos will be accelerated.

Some such opinion seems to be gaining ground in Washing-

ton. The large American naval and air bases in the Philippines make it the most important country in south-east Asia in American consideration.

There are other sources of generalized criticism of President Marcos that carry weight. When he visited the Philippines in February, 1981, Pope John Paul said pointedly that the exigencies of state should not take precedence over human rights.

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A RAT TO THE RESCUE

It is easy to be superior about the reasons for the turn-around in the fortunes of TV-am's Good Morning Britain programme. It has recovered from the depths of despair at weekday peak viewing figures of 200,000 in the spring to 1,600,000, 400,000 more than its rival, the BBC's Breakfast Time.

The hero of the revival at Camden Lock is Mr Greg Dyke who was brought in from London Weekend Television to lead the station from the brink of ruin.

Nameless JPs From Mr A. J. M. Baldwin Sir, The real problem is surely this. No one seems to expect the names of justices to be given to defendants for obvious reasons, but some expect the names to be given to newspaper reporters. Reporters only want the justices' names so that they can publish them in their newspapers.

ority before awarding its breakfast television franchise. Last Friday, for example, Roland, who travels the highways and by-ways in an old 1950s Ford emblazoned with the crest "Rat on the Road", was visiting Blenheim.

Over the years I have found that justices are generally not unhappy about their names being given to the press - with the possible exception of the magistrate who had his café burnt down on a number of occasions by a dissatisfied "customer" - but I have also found that when the problem is pointed out to reporters they are normally prepared to avoid putting justices at risk unnecessarily, and their account of

the weakness is doubtless shared by the "Good and Great" who make up the IBA, but they cannot be entirely happy at the manner of TV-am's renaissance.

The IBA has a duty under section 3 (1) of the Television Act, 1954, to satisfy itself that "programmes maintain a proper balance in their subject matter and a high general standard of quality".

the proceedings is none the worse for omitting the chairman's name. In any event the press must be aware, even if the defendant is not, that the decision the chairman announces may not accord with his or her own view; or she is simply expressing the decision of the court.

What Micro?

The Electron is bound to be compared to the BBC Micro. However it would be better compared to other micros in its price range, the likes of the Spectrum, Oric and Vic 20. There is however no real comparison as the Electron wins on all counts—it has better graphics, a better keyboard, faster and more versatile Basic. We rate the Electron higher than any of its competition. Acorn had better be ready for a rush, there's going to be one. *What Micro? Sept. '83*

This micro.



Today, Acorn Computers unveil their new home microcomputer, called the Electron.

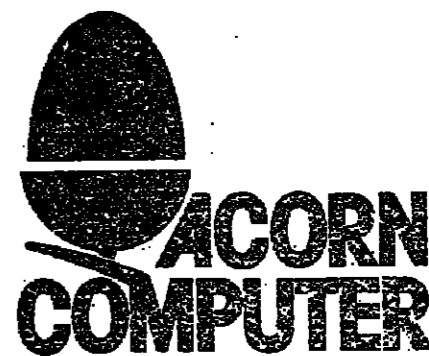
And, as you can see, it has already met with critical acclaim in its first independent review from one of Britain's leading computer publications.

This comes as no surprise as Acorn also produce the only other Micro that uses BBC Basic. (This machine is already being selected by over 80% of U.K. Schools under the current Department of Industry scheme.)

You can judge for yourself just how good the £199 Electron is by visiting the Acorn User Show at the Cunard Hotel, Hammersmith, London from August 25th-28th.

We've every confidence that you and "What Micro?" will be in complete agreement.

Acorn Computers Limited, Fulbourn Road,
Cherry Hinton, Cambridge CB1 4JN.



MARKET REPORT

Index still on record run

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug. 15. Dealings end, Sept. 2. Contango Day, Sept. 5. Settlement Day, Sept. 12.

The stock market entered the second leg of the three-week holiday account hitting a record, despite the seasonal fall in volume.

The FT 30 index began to dip ahead of Wall Street's opening late yesterday afternoon but booming prices in New York reinforced London's move forward and by the close the index had gained 4.7 to 740.4.

The main boost to sentiment resulted from the better-than-expected United States money supply figures, the second good one in a row, and forecasts that United States monetary growth will be back within target over the next two months.

That defused fears of any further rises in United States interest rates, particularly as the American economic recovery is slowing. Some dealers were even talking of significant cuts.

This would effectively take the pressure off British rates and rekindles hopes that Britain's clearing banks will be able to hold the 9 1/2 per cent level for longer than expected.

Government stocks came in for some heavy buying, with long-dated issues, some paying

yields of more than 10 per cent, recording gains of 1 1/2%.

That gave the government broker the opportunity needed to slip to two "tapets" totalling £500m. The sale last week of £500m 10 per cent convertible was sold out so some form of tap was needed.

Leading equities quickly followed gulls higher and there were widespread gains of more than 10p. US buying put 10p onto Boots at 183p after that it had received over-the-counter sales permission for its new pain-killing drug, ibuprofen which Beecham at 353p was 10p to the good.

News that British petrol sales are falling rapidly and the big companies may start cutting prices again soon caused some fresh selling in the oil sector.

BP dropped 6p to 248p, while British lost 2p to 248p, despite reports that the fall in profits, due soon, will not be as bad as expected.

where Lex Group featured with a 15p gain to 368p after the company managed to dampen fears over alleged problems with Volvo gear boxes.

Whitbread, up 4p at 152p, led brewers higher as the continuing good weather and news of price rises supported the sector.

In the building and construction sector Taylor Woodrow jumped 20p to 550p in anticipation of today's interim figures. Blue Circle, reporting this week, gained 7p to 445p but fears of increased competition hitting the profits of SGB Group, pushed those shares 12p lower to 144p.

London Brick held steady at 86p on hopes that Tarmac or Hanson Trust will step in to buy the company if it does not go ahead with its own bid for Ibsstock Johnson.

London reports profit figures on Thursday, when a statement of intent is expected.

Booming August car sales helped motor distributors, Games maker John Wad-

dington's shares fell 4p to 242p as hopes faded of the group fighting off the unwanted bid from BPCC, whose offer closes today when the level of acceptances should be known.

In insurance, Commercial Union at 170p and Royal Insurance at 560p held steady even though both companies are heavily involved in Texas where a hurricane has caused £1bn worth of damage.

Analysts say CU will lose £6.5m and Royal between £5m and £10m.

Also firming ahead of interim figures due this week was Hawley Group at 185p, up 8p and Electro-Protective, 7p better at 183p.

One stock to lose favour with the speculators was Bellair which slumped 40p to 580p. Majority stakeholder Wasson Establishment has still not begun work on its offer document for Harold Ingrams, suspended at 300p, and has not responded to calls for further information about its intended activity for the two minnow companies.

Wayne Lintott

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

W. N. Sharpe Half-year to 31.6.83 Pretax profit £1.8m (£2.55m) Stated earnings 12p (18.9p) Turnover £7.9m (£7.9m) Net interim 4.5p (4p)

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● edited by Michael Prest

Merger brightens ADP's prospects

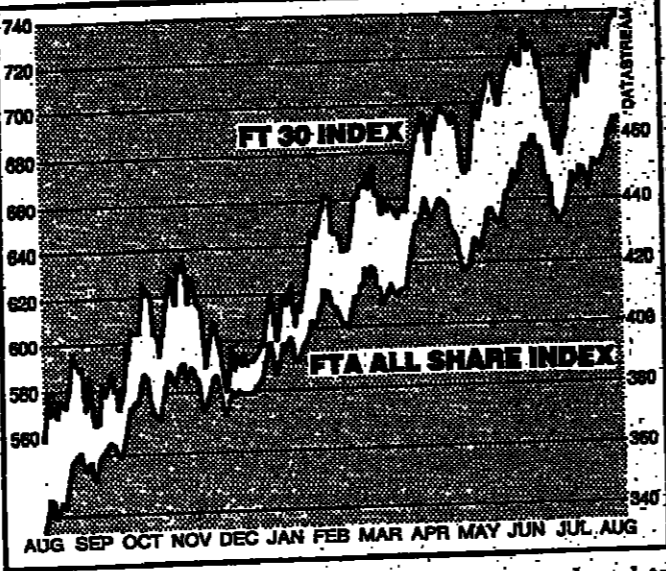
Shareholders of Amalgamated Distilled Products appear to have won the best deal after the decision to merge ADP with the Argyll Foods group.

The new company, Argyll Group, will have a turnover of £1,365m a year and forecast pretax profits of £36.5m in the year to next March 31.

Moreover, the merger favours ADP shareholders in crude terms of industrial logic. Four new Argyll Group shares are being offered for every three shares in ADP.

On price alone the deal also is good for ADP shareholders who will make about 4p on the four-for-three deal at yesterday morning's prices.

Even better are the longer term prospects for the ADP business within the newly-merged group. Without a merger ADP would have run into trouble trying to launch its own spirits brands without the backing of a retail sales group like Argyll.



so fast that they are bound to meet head on. At that point a price war could cut margins to the bone, leaving diversification into related, but more profitable areas a necessity.

On top of that, Argyll will be able to use its muscle to encourage breweries to stock ADP products in exchange for shelf space in Presto stores for their own beers and spirits.

Equities Equities showed some renewed buoyancy yesterday but, the season notwithstanding, the market seems to be in the grip of two conflicting sets of forces (which are not fear and greed).

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Table titled 'Base Lending Rates' listing various banks and their interest rates. Includes entries for ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, Citibank Savings, etc.

Table titled 'COMMODITIES' listing various commodities such as metals, oil, sugar, and their current market prices.

Advertisement for 'The Fleming American Investment Trust plc'. Includes details about the trust's investment strategy, share price, and contact information for Robert Fleming & Co. Limited.

Large table listing 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds'. Contains columns for fund names, bid/offer prices, and other financial metrics.

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CRICKET: FLOOD COULD SEND SOMERSET TO A STICKY END

Injury problem for Middlesex but thunderstorm brings ray of hope

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORDS: Somerset, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 149 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Warwickshire.

Yesterday, at the end of a good morning's cricket, Middlesex were 238 for nine, having started at 106 for four.

SWIMMING

British lion misses gold by a whisker

From Athlete Still, Rome

Adrian Moorhouse, the young lion from Yorkshire, filled by only five-hundredths of a second the bronze medal behind the Bulgarian newcomer.

But at this point, Roberto Zupka (1min 03.25sec), of the Soviet Union, the Olympic 200 metres champion, moved up rapidly and surprisingly to just beat the Commonwealth champion to the top.

Johnson takes his four-square guard

By Peter Marson

FOLKSTONE: Kent, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 149 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Warwickshire.

Old had had a part to play here but in a Jekyll and Hyde performance his three wickets cost him dear, 107 runs to be precise.

The fact that parts of the pavilion, including the Long Room, were awash ill give an idea of the ferocity of yesterday's storm and the speed with which it came out of the blue.

It's more palatable with fish fingers

By Alan Gibson

WORCESTER: Worcestershire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 129 runs behind Hampshire.

Those who had been here on Saturday when Hampshire had scored 359 for nine, warned that the pitch was likely to go bad.

Perspiration takes Essex to the top

By Peter Ball

COLCHESTER: Essex (24) beat Gloucestershire (2) by an innings and 37 runs.

Essex's pursuit of the county championship is coming to a climax at the crucial moment. Yesterday, after a lot of hard work and not a little perspiration under a blazing sun, they claimed the 24 points which take them to the top of the table for the first time this season.

Injuries hit New Zealand

LEICESTER: New Zealanders beat Leicestershire by eight wickets.

Dark clouds gathering over Smith's future

By Richard Streeton

HOVE: Sussex, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 105 runs behind Surrey.

Mortensen All down to Hartley

SWANSEA: Glamorgan, with six second-innings wickets in hand, led Derbyshire by 57 runs.

Derbyshire are batting on a wearing pitch, and could set up an intriguing finish if the captain, Neil Hartley, keeps his declaration well in hand.

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Late flourer as England sail through

DERBY: England Young Cricketers beat Australia Young Cricketers by three wickets.

Tough test for England

From Robert Fryce

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 291 for 5 (J. J. Fennell 121 not out, B. E. Bristow 57, J. P. Anderson 5).

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NEW ZEALANDERS: First innings 285 for 8 (T. J. Franklin 61, B. A. Edge 34, C. M. Carter 19).

NEW ZEALANDERS: Second innings 59 (J. P. Edwards 10 not out, M. J. B. Smith 39, J. A. G. Gray 12).

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SOMERSET: First innings 249 (Embury 5 for 132, 8-102, 7-102, 6-216, 5-249).

MIDDLESEX: First innings 18 (G. Entwistle 10 not out, D. G. Steele 12, M. G. Parsons 12).

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WARWICKSHIRE: First innings 20 (J. A. G. Gray 12, J. P. Edwards 10 not out, M. J. B. Smith 39).

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

صباح الخير

BBC 1

- 6.00 Breakfast News headlines, weather, traffic and sports news.
6.30 Breakfast Time presented by Frank Brough and Sue Cook.
9.00 Champion the Wonder Horse! The super steed and his owner, Ricky, fled an injured escaped prisoner.

TV-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and Anne Diamond.
7.30 6.30 and 6.50: The twilight world of medicine examined at 6.30 and 6.45; sport at 6.45 and 7.00; Chris Tarrant in the Isle of Wight from 6.55; audio guides, the Moody Blues from 7.00; pop news with Timmy Mallett and guests from 7.05; a preview of the day's television at 7.30; and 8.00: Lizzie and Lizzy in Newscorner.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 Thames news headlines presented by Barbara Street.
10.25 Winter in the Ice. Winter sports with a difference - scuba diving.
10.40 The New Accelerators. A documentary film examines the latest transport systems of Toronto, Munich and an American's plan to travel between Los Angeles and New York in 54 hours.



Derek Fowlds in Affairs of the Heart (ITV 8.30 pm)

CHOICE

Derek Fowlds as Peter Bonamy, the unfortunate man whose over-protective wife and over-zealous friends turn his period of convalescence into a nightmare.

BBC 2

- 6.05 Open University Museum of Modern Art, NY (ends at 6.30) 5.55 Biology: Form and Function.
10.30 Play School. For the under fives, presented by Shelagh Glibby and Patrick Abernethy.

CHANNEL 4

- 5.30 A Full Life. In the fourth of her seven-part series of interviews with personalities who have lived a long and interesting life.
10.30 The World of the Solent. A weekend retreat that is so small that the interview had to take place outside.

Radio 4

- 6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
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Radio 3

- 6.55 Evening. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert part 1. Telemann (Concerto in A for flute, violin and cello), Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 1), Bach (Harpsichord Concerto in F minor, BWV 1056), Mendelssohn (String Symph No 12 in C minor).

TONIGHT'S PROM

- 7.30 Mozart: Serenade in D (Posthorn). K 260.
8.25 Brahms: Symphony No 1 in G minor. BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras.

Radio 2

- 10.30 Nash Ensemble: part two.
11.15 The American Showment. 8.30 Folk on 21. 9.30 The Name of the Game. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Impassioned. 10.30 Matthew presents Round Midnight at the Edinburgh Festival (extract from recording).

Radio 1

- News on the half hour from 6.30am to 10.00pm.
6.30am Adrian Johns. 7.00 Mike Smith. 8.00 Simon Bates. 8.15 Radio 1 with the Radio 1 Road show in Plymouth. 8.30 Newsbeat. 12.45 Andy Peebles. 2.00 Steve Wright. 3.00 The Big Breakfast. 4.00 Newsbeat. 7.00 Frongline. 8.00 Richard Skinner. 16.30 John Peel. 12.00 midnight. 12.15 The American Showment. 8.30 Folk on 21. 9.30 The Name of the Game. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Impassioned. 10.30 Matthew presents Round Midnight at the Edinburgh Festival (extract from recording).

ENTERTAINMENTS

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OPERAS & BALLET

English National Opera: The Barber of Seville.
Royal Opera House: The Merry Widow.

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Barbican Hall: The Prodigal Son.
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THEATRES

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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ART GALLERIES

AGNEW GALLERY: A retrospective by Sir Kenneth Clark.
BRITISH LIBRARY: A retrospective by Sir Kenneth Clark.

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

Legal Appointments on pages 19/20.

Police open fire as Pakistan mob goes on rampage

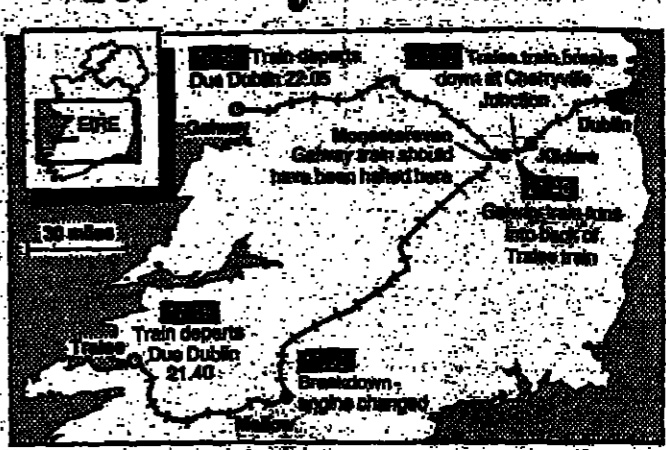
From Michael Hamlyn, Karachi
Police fired on a crowd estimated at 20,000 which went on the rampage in Pakistan's Sindh province yesterday and unconfirmed reports said at least one person was killed and five wounded.

Face to face with Sigmund Freud



The actor David Suchet has been transformed into a striking likeness of the elderly Dr Sigmund Freud, for a series on the life and work of the Austrian psychiatrist to be shown on BBC 2 early next year.

Investigation starts into Irish railway disaster



Continued from page 1
Seven dead included Mr Shay Shannon and Mrs Mary Shannon, who were married only three months and Mr Martin O'Keefe, 20, who was an attendant in the dining car. Others killed were Miss Kathleen O'Connor, 29, a student nurse from Co Kerry, and Mr Patrick Haughey, a postman from Dublin.

Hours after the collision, a heavy lifting crane pulled the first class compartment from its resting place and hoisted it 20ft above the embankment. Rescuers, who had worked throughout the night under spotlights, began driving into the shattered splintered wood to discover the first victim, a CIE dining car attendant, whose twenty-first birthday is next Sunday.

Appeal to Irish informer in effort to save wife

From Our Correspondent, Belfast
The mother of Harry Kirkpatrick, the convicted Irish National Liberation Army murderer and police informer, pleaded with him yesterday to retract his evidence against 18 alleged former accomplices in an attempt to save his wife, Elizabeth, aged 24, who is being held by the INLA.

More health economies sought by the Government

Continued from page 1
Health authorities are expected to continue to seek ways of making more effective use of manpower resources and ensuring that there is a service justification for every post created.

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The revised cash limit figures show that the 14 English regions will be allowed 0.21 per cent on average above inflation, compared with the 1.2 per cent announced in January.

Today's events, Crossword puzzle (No 16,215), and Down sections with clues and answers.

Chambers Street, Edinburgh 12, TV top ten, The pound, Anniversaries, and Fund for boy sections.

Weather forecast, Around Britain, London, Highest and lowest, and Fund for boy sections.

Weather forecast (continued), High tides, and Abroad sections.

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